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Situation Report

Severe Storms

March 14, 2006 (Noon Update) Noon Updates will be in bold-face type

Situation:

The severe storms that impacted the State of Missouri have left the area and proceeded eastward. Numerous jurisdictions have reported strong winds, damaging hail, and tornado sightings. The National Weather Service has not "officially" determined that tornadoes were involved in any of these reports. They currently have assessment teams in the affected areas. However, reliable officials from local sheriff's departments have reported tornadoes were on the ground. Comments in the County/City Reports section of this SITREP are based on those local observations. Nine fatalities have reported the State.

Governor Blunt signed Executive Orders 06-11 and 06-12 implementing Section 41.480.2, RSMo (State of Emergency) and 44.100 and 44.110 RSMo authorizing the use of the Missouri National Guard to support disaster operations.

Fatalities:

Perry County: 2
Randolph County: 4
Pettis County: 1
Henry County: 1
Lawrence County: 1

SEMA has confirmed with local resources that the fatality count is 9, not 10 as may have been reported. A tenth casualty was reported by the media as being from the same storms that had hit the State of Indiana late Sunday night/early Monday morning.

County/City Reports:

Troop A Area:

Bates County: 2 families displaced, businesses damaged in Amsterdam, Agricultural buildings damaged.

Pettis County: Eleven homes destroyed, eleven with major damage, 41 with minor damage, six injuries, one fatality; SEMA on-site

Johnson County: 45 homes destroyed, 30 homes with major damage, 20 with minor damage,, four injuries, all minor, assessment still in progress

Henry County: Three homes destroyed, two mobile homes destroyed, one fatality, 13 injuries

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Saline County: 12 homes destroyed, 40-50 homes damaged, South of Marshall, hog operation lost 11 of 12 buildings, no livestock lost

Troop B Area:

Randolph County: 30 homes destroyed, 30 homes with major/minor damage, four fatalities, school bus rollover with 13 students injured, all but one released, 13 others in the county sought treatment, one to Columbia with major back injuries.

Troop C Area:

Pike County: Minimal damage to homes, historical building previously reported has minor damage and

insurance.

Perry County: 15 homes destroyed and 3 with major damage.

Ste. Genevieve County: 5 homes destroyed and 12-15 homes affected.

Troop D Area:

Hickory County: 70 homes destroyed, SEMA on-site

Lawrence County: 25 homes with major damage, 29 with minor damage, one fatality and one injury.

Greene County: 4 homes with major damage, 14 with minor damage, four minor injuries

Webster County: This was from a SITREP entry from the County received by SEMA at 3:00 pm, March 13.

14 homes destroyed, 61 homes damaged, 25 barns destroyed, 54 barns damaged.

Vernon County: This was from a SITREP entry from the County received by SEMA at 3:00 pm, March 13. 4

houses destroyed, numerous other buildings damaged, one injury

Troop E Area:

Iron County: 1 home destroyed, 4 homes with major damage, 8-10 homes minor damage, isolated power outages.

Madison County: 3 homes with minor damage.

Mississippi County: 2 mobile homes destroyed at Anniston, MO. Widespread damage throughout the county.

Troop F Area:

Montgomery County: Four mobile homes destroyed, one home destroyed, several out-buildings, one injury\

Morgan County: Reported a tornado affecting 6 homes (including some mobile homes) with significant damage. There were 5 people injured. Red Cross was activated in the Gravois Mill area. 15 people are displaced.

Osage County: Reported wind damage to the North side of the county. Approx \$10,000 in damages reported mostly to an abandoned business. Reports of under pining from mobile homes being blown out. Estimate of less than 10 homes affected with slight to moderate damage.

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Troop G Area:

Douglas County: This was from a SITREP entry from the County received by SEMA at 4:00 pm, March 13.

Reports of large hail damage to windows, homes and autos, trees down in the eastern part of the County. Flash flooding from the March 11 storms, washed out roadways and low-

water crossings

Wright County: 30 homes and outbuildings damaged (from Highway Patrol overflight).

Troop H Area: No damages to report.

Troop I Area: No damages to report.

<u>Federal /State Actions:</u> The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has been activated and is maintaining contact with local officials and the National Weather Service as the storm systems move across the State. SEMA has sent the Area Coordinator from Area E (southeast Missouri) to Perry County to assess the situation there. All requests for State assistance received at this point have been handled by the appropriate agency. SEMA Director Reynolds briefs Dick Hainje (FEMA Region VII Director) on State actions on a daily basis. SEMA continues to monitor reports from the affected areas and is maintaining contact with FEMA Region VII. Additional SEMA staff has been placed on stand-by to continue SEOC operations and damage assessments as needed. SEMA has dispatched Disaster Assessment Teams (DATs) to the following areas; St. Genevieve County, Perry County, Christian County, Hickory County, Johnson County, Pettis County, Saline County, Randolph County, and Monroe County. Other counties will be progressively assessed as the above counties are completed. Missouri National Guard has agreed to be a staging area for the FEMA Disaster Recovery vehicles. FEMA will be staging three of these vehicles at ISTS. National Weather Service will be holding a news briefing on these storms at their training center in Kansas City, MO this afternoon.

FEMA/SEMA joint preliminary damage assessments are currently being conducted in: Christian; Hickory; Monroe; Perry and Pettis Counties. Randolph County was completed late last night.

Please Note: SEMA will provide three situation reports per day, at 0800; 1200; and 1700 hours, until current information concerning recent tornado damage begins to calm down. SEMA will resume normal 0900 and 1500 hours situation reports after this incident.

Missouri Highway Patrol has assisted in various counties throughout the state supplementing local resources. Missouri State Water Patrol has activated their headquarters and have assisted in one water rescue in Morgan County.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions: American Red Cross Chapters throughout the State have been activated along with Southern Baptist Emergency Services and Salvation Army assets. AmeriCorps is manning a Missouri Disaster Hotline at SEMA that will assist in coordinating offers of donations and volunteers as well as provide information and referral for disaster survivors

The Disaster Recovery Partnership (DRP) will convene by conference call at 3:30 March 14, to share information and coordinate response and recovery efforts. The DRP which includes state and federal agencies and community and faith-based groups and MOVOAD have specific functions in disaster response and recovery. These agencies are prepared to deploy as needed.

At this time:

American Red Cross has deployed staff and resources from throughout the state to assist disaster survivors.
 They have established shelters, reception centers, mobile feeding and service centers in needed areas.
 Disaster Relief Operation for American Red Cross will be a national level operation managed out of Springfield.

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 The Salvation Army is operating shelters, feeding units, donations management centers and bulk distribution sites.

- AmeriCorps St Louis has deployed teams to the St Louis area, Perry County, the Lebanon area, and the State
 Emergency Operations Center in Jefferson City. AmeriCorps teams are on site assisting with damage
 assessment, debris removal and mitigating against further damage.
- Southern Baptist Disaster Relief has activated mobile feeding teams and debris removal teams.
- The Disaster Recovery Partnership and MoVOAD are supporting establishment of Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARCs) where needed. Currently MARCs exist in Christian and Lawrence Counties.
- Corporate donations of wheelbarrows, shovels, and other debris clearance tools have been successfully solicited in some affected areas. Efforts for donations will continue.
- At least one Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is planned in Southwest Missouri. The VRC will help affiliate volunteers with recognized relief organizations, which will train, orient and supervise volunteer work such as debris removal, minor repairs, childcare, etc.

<u>Point of Contact:</u> SEMA Duty Officer after hours (**Starting at 8:00 p.m. March 13**) number is 573-751-2748, during normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.